

REMARKS

The claims have been amended so as to sharpen their definition of the invention relative to the cited references.

Reconsideration is accordingly respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as unpatentable over WANG et al. in view of VISCO et al.

VISCO et al. teaches a temperature range of 1200 to 1500°C.

By contrast, we claim a temperature range of 1000 to less than 1200°C. Thus, we do not touch the range of VISCO et al.

On page 3, line 4 of our specification, we teach a temperature range of 1000-1200°C. But "less than 1200°C" is within that range and so was within the possession of the applicants at the time the application was filed.

The first paragraph on page 3 of our specification also points out the desirability of restricting the sintering temperature as much as possible.

See also amended claim 32, in which the powder size is recited as being less than 30 nm (page 3, line 4 of our specification). Such small particles are sinter active, whereby the electrolyte is gastight after sintering.

This latter feature is not taught by the references and patentably vitalizes at least claim 32.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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